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Expert. When the news of the death of Mr. Rose reached him, he was much affected and was nearly overcome by grief, though he had been in his usual health. He went to his home completely prostrated, and that same night, May 29, at about 9:45 o'clock, he was seized with an attack of heart failure from which he died, thus following his faithful friend, James A. Rose, into the Valley of Shadows, within the short space of seven hours.

Dr. Magee believed in the future of his race. He did all in his power to promote its welfare. He was the leading spirit in the organization of the Illinois Colored Historical Society, and was its president.

He was a good man and an example to the young people and, in fact, to all the race for whose betterment he earnestly labored.

DEATH OF JOHN J. JONES, SR.

John J. Jones, Sr., a member of the Illinois State Historical Society, died at his home in Eldorado, Saline County, Ill., on April 9, 1912, aged 75 years, 8 months and 18 days. The interment was made in Wolf Creek Cemetery, April 11, 1912.

"The one clear call for John J. Jones, April 9, 1912, found him ready. John J. Jones was born July 21, 1836. His most earnest desire was to depart this life without lingering sickness, in the time of year when all nature seemed smiling. The ardent desire was fulfilled to the letter, as a more lovely spring day April 11th, never was seen. On that bright day, loving hands tenderly bore his remains to the cemetery and deposited them in mother earth to await the call of Gabriel's trumpet. He was sheriff of Saline county during the civil war and did his duty as a brave and fearless man. He also served the people and county in many other minor offices, always with credit to himself and honor to his constituents. The world could well and truthfully say, 'There stands an honest man.'

"John J. Jones was outspoken, honest, brave and true. His convictions were founded on a vast fund of information and many years of experience in a time that tried men's souls. He stood firm upon his convictions and was as adamant toward the opposing forces. He was always a friend to the under dog, and clearly showed his sympathy to all struggling humanity. He will long be missed and mourned by the community of which he was a part."

DEATH OF A PIONEER OF McDONOUGH COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Bigger Head, McDonough county's oldest citizen and pioneer resident, died Saturday evening, June 1st, 1912, at 9 o'clock, at his home in Bardolph, at the remarkable age of 99 years, 7 months and 20 days.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Witter of Farmington, for a number of years pastor of that church in Bardolph, assisted by Rev. Swisher, present pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was made in the Bardolph cemetery.

"Uncle" Bigger Head, as he was commonly known to the citizens of the county, was born in Highland county, Ohio, October 12, 1812, and was the son of William and Mary (McLaughlin) Head, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. His paternal grandfather, John Head, came from Scotland, and his maternal grandfather, Robert McLaughlin, was born in Ireland. He was the fifth child in a family of fourteen.

June 20, 1835, he married the daughter of a pioneer of Highland county, Mary Lucas by name, who was also destined for a long and useful life, and who accompanied his pilgrimage for seventy years, her life coming to a close February 17, 1905, at the age of 90 years lacking six months.

In 1852, Mr. Head came to McDonough county, then thinly settled, and purchased three-quarters of a section of land on Secs. 23 and 26. Here he lived until 1872, when he bought 170 acres in Mound township, and one 80-acre